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It's Not Familiar In Way Intelligence Agency Is Run

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Washington — President Eisenhower disclosed Tuesday that he was not familiar with the way in which topmost U. S. intelligence

decisions were made out to the President at his press conference the Defense Secretary Thomas Gates had said he himself did not make the decisions on intelligence but merely carried them out, that the decisions were made by a board of which he was not even a member.

The President was asked if names of the U. S. intelligence board, which were refused the press, might not be made public in that the American people could know who the persons making decisions about intelligence on behalf of the security of the nation might be.

It is the board that recently selected two new representatives of government agencies and which was in charge of making intelligence decisions, according to Gates, by deciding what the Russians intend to do rather than of capability as was done in the past.

The President was asked if he would help to divulge this situation to the American people. He said no but he would inquire to see what the procedure is.

The board was authorized by the National Security Act of 1947.

It has operated under several names but recently its name was changed to "U. S. Intelligence Board." Allen Dulles, director of Central Intelligence Agency, heads it. It consists of representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, Navy Security Bureau, FBI, the Defense Department, the Central Intelligence Division, Defense Intelligence Agency, the Defense Department in other represented areas.

After Department officials were asked if in the course of their work they had ever been asked to make recommendations

be divulged and were told: Despite insistence that the people have a right to know who are the persons making decisions of such great importance and changing the system of arriving at intelligence bases, the Department of Defense apparently backed to Central Intelligence Agency, steadily refusing to give out the information.

At a recent press conference Gates was asked, "How can you tell what the Russians intend to do?" and replied, "You can't." Then he was pressed further. "Then is not this basis of intent rather than capability no good?"

His reply was, "It is the best the U. S. has to offer."